

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12093–S12260

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2823–2824, and S. Res. 366. **Page S12160**

Measures Passed:

Extending Condolences to the Families of Fallen Lakewood Police Department Officers: Senate agreed to S. Res. 366, extending condolences to the families of Sergeant Mark Renninger, Officer Tina Griswold, Officer Ronald Owens, and Officer Greg Richards. **Page S12259**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Vitter Amendment No. 2808 (to Amendment No. 2791), to prevent the United States Preventive Service Task Force recommendations from restricting mammograms for women. **Page S12152**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12094–S12106, S12106–52**

Mikulski Amendment No. 2791 (to Amendment No. 2786), to clarify provisions relating to first dollar coverage for preventive services for women.

Pages S12094, S12113–52

McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S12094**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill after any Leader time on Thursday, December 3, 2009, and that it be in order for any of the Majority or Republican bill managers to be recognized for a total period of time not to exceed 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled; that the time until 11:45 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between Senator

Mikulski and the Republican Leader, or their designees; that the time until 11:45 a.m., be for debate with respect to Mikulski Amendment No. 2791 (to Amendment No. 2786) (listed above), as amended, and McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions (listed above); and during this time, it be in order for Senator Murkowski to call up her amendment with respect to mammography, a copy of which is at the desk; and that it also be in order for Senator Bennet to call up Amendment No. 2826, a side-by-side amendment with respect to the McCain motion to commit (listed above); that no other amendments or motions to commit be in order during the pendency of these amendments and motion; that at 11:45 a.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Mikulski Amendment No. 2791 (to Amendment No. 2786) (listed above), as amended; that upon disposition of the Mikulski Amendment; Senate then vote on or in relation to Murkowski amendment; that upon disposition of these two amendments, Senate continue to debate until 2:45 p.m., Bennet Amendment No. 2826, and McCain motion to commit (listed above); with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators Baucus and McCain, or their designees; that at 2:45 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Bennet Amendment No. 2826, that upon disposition of that amendment, Senate vote on or in relation to McCain motion to commit (listed above); that prior to the second vote in each sequence, there be two minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that each of the above referenced amendments or motion be subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold, and that if the amendments or motion do not achieve that threshold, then they be withdrawn; provided further, that if any of the above listed achieve the 60 vote threshold, then the amendment or motion be agreed to; provided further, that it be in order if there is a request for the yeas and nays to be ordered with respect to that amendment or motion, regardless of achieving the 60 vote threshold; that if the yeas and nays requested are requested, the vote would occur immediately with no further debate in order with respect to this particular consent. **Pages S12150–52, S12259**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David W. Mills, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Douglas A. Rediker, of Massachusetts, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2011.

6 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force and Navy.

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Adjournment:	Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12260.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DERIVATIVES REFORM AND SYSTEMIC RISK

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine over-the-counter derivatives reform and addressing systemic risk, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury; Terrence A. Duffy, CME Group, Inc., Chicago, Illinois; Johnathan Short, IntercontinentalExchange, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia; and Peter Axilrod, Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation, Blythe Masters, JPMorgan Chase and Co., and Jiro Okochi, Reval.com, Inc., all of New York, New York.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State; and Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Clifford L. Stanley, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Erin C. Conaton, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, Terry A. Yonkers, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, and Lawrence G. Romo, of Texas, to be Director of the Selective Service, all of the Department of Defense.

Also, Committee ordered favorably reported 1,938 nominations in the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY CHALLENGES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transportation security challenges post-September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security.

REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine policy options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, after receiving testimony from Ray Kopp, Resources for the Future Climate Policy Program, Ted Gayer, Brookings Institution, and David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, all of Washington, D.C.; Jonathan M. Banks, Clean Air Task Force, Brunswick, Maine; and John Alic, Avon, North Carolina.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing with the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics and Environmental Health to examine the Federal Toxic Substances Control Act, focusing on obtaining more information on chemical risks, controlling these risks, and sharing information collected, after receiving testimony from Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Linda S. Birnbaum, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, and National

Toxicology Program, Department of Health and Human Services.

DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a hearing to examine disaster case management, focusing on developing a comprehensive national program focused on outcomes, how did the federal government support disaster case management programs after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and how federal agencies coordinate their efforts, what challenges did disaster case management agencies experience in delivering services under federally funded programs, and how will previous or existing federally funded programs be used to inform the development of a federal case management program for future disasters, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth A. Zimmerman, Assistant Administrator, Disaster Assistance, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; David Hansell, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Administration for Children and Families; Frederick Tombar, Senior

Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Work, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Stephen Carr, Mississippi Case Management Consortium, Mobile, Alabama; Amanda Guma, Human Services Policy Director, Louisiana Recovery Authority, and Monteic A. Sizer, Louisiana Family Recovery Corps, both of Baton Rouge; Reverend Larry Snyder, Catholic Charities USA, Alexandria, Virginia; Diana Rothe-Smith, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, Arlington, Virginia; and Irwin Redlener, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York, New York.

AMERICANS' ACCESS TO COURTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Supreme Court, focusing on Americans' access to courts, after receiving testimony from John Payton, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., and Gregory G. Garre, Latham & Watkins LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Stephen B. Burbank, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4169–4188; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 942, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 515, to prohibit the importation of certain low-level radioactive waste into the United States, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–348, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2994, to reauthorize the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–349); and

H. Res. 941, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4154) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the new carryover basis rules in order to prevent tax increases and the imposition of compliance burdens on many more estates than would benefit from repeal and to retain the estate tax with a \$3,500,000 exemption (H. Rept. 111–350).

Pages H13427, H13465

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Recognizing the exemplary service of the soldiers of the 30th Infantry Division (Old Hickory) of the United States Army during World War II: H. Res. 494, amended, to recognize the exemplary service of the soldiers of the 30th Infantry Division (Old Hickory) of the United States Army during World War II, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 914; **Pages H13392–94, H13408**

Congratulating the Sailors of the United States Submarine Force upon the completion of 1,000 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) deterrent patrols: H. Con. Res. 129, to congratulate the Sailors of the United States Submarine Force upon the completion of 1,000 Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) deterrent patrols, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 915; **Pages H13394–95, H13408–09**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Military Family Month: H. Res. 861, amended, to support the goals and ideals of National Military Family Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 916;

Pages H13395–97, H13409–10

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Supporting the goals and ideals of Military Family Month." Page H13410

Recognizing the importance of teaching elementary and secondary school students about the sacrifices that veterans have made throughout the history of the Nation: H. Res. 897, to recognize the importance of teaching elementary and secondary school students about the sacrifices that veterans have made throughout the history of the Nation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 917; Pages H13397–98, H13410

Airline Flight Crew Technical Corrections Act: S. 1422, to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews; Pages H13398–99

CJ's Home Protection Act of 2009: H.R. 320, to amend the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 to require that weather radios be installed in all manufactured homes manufactured or sold in the United States; Pages H13399–H13401

Encouraging banks and mortgage servicers to work with families affected by contaminated drywall to allow temporary forbearance without penalty on payments on their home mortgages: H. Con. Res. 197, amended, to encourage banks and mortgage servicers to work with families affected by contaminated drywall to allow temporary forbearance without penalty on payments on their home mortgages, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 920; Pages H13401–04, H13425–26

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Encouraging banks and mortgage servicers to work with families affected by contaminated drywall and to consider adjustments to payment schedules on their home mortgages that take into account the financial burdens of responding to the presence of such drywall." Page H13426

Enhanced S.E.C. Enforcement Authority Act: H.R. 2873, amended, to provide enhanced enforcement authority to the Securities and Exchange Commission; Pages H13404–05

Amending the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to provide for additional monitoring and accountability of the Troubled Assets Relief Program: H.R. 1242, amended, to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to provide for additional monitoring and accountability of the Troubled Assets Relief Program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 921; Pages H13405–08, H13426–27

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of

2008 to provide for additional monitoring and accountability of the Troubled Asset Relief Program." Page H13427

Redundancy Elimination and Enhanced Performance for Preparedness Grants Act: H.R. 3980, amended, to provide for identifying and eliminating redundant reporting requirements and developing meaningful performance metrics for homeland security preparedness grants, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 922;

Pages H13411–13, H13427

Criminal Investigative Training Restoration Act: H.R. 3963, to provide specialized training to Federal air marshals; Pages H13415–17

Extending condolences to the families of Sergeant Mark Renninger, Officer Tina Griswold, Officer Ronald Owens, and Officer Greg Richards: H. Res. 939, to extend condolences to the families of Sergeant Mark Renninger, Officer Tina Griswold, Officer Ronald Owens, and Officer Greg Richards; and Pages H13417–19

Radioactive Import Deterrence Act: H.R. 515, amended, to prohibit the importation of certain low-level radioactive waste into the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 309 yeas to 112 nays, Roll No. 919. Pages H13419–24, H13425

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families. Page H13409

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, December 1st:

George Kell Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 3634, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Main Street in Swifton, Arkansas, as the "George Kell Post Office", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 415 yeas with none voting "no", Roll No. 918. Pages H13410–11

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines: H. Res. 28, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Transportation Security Administration should,

in accordance with the congressional mandate provided for in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, enhance security against terrorist attack and other security threats to our Nation's rail and mass transit lines and

Pages H13413–15

Satellite Home Viewer Update and Reauthorization Act of 2009: H.R. 3570, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to reauthorize the satellite statutory license and to conform the satellite and cable statutory licenses to all-digital transmissions.

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Discharge Petition: Representative Nunes presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Natural Resources from the consideration of H.R. 3105, to provide that operations of the Central Valley Project shall not be restricted pursuant to any biological opinion issued under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, if such restrictions would result in levels of export less than the historical maximum level of export (Discharge Petition No. 8).

Recess: The House recessed at 2:45 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13408, H13408–09, H13409–10, H13410, H13411, H13425, H13425–26, H13426–27, and H13427. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CLIMATE CHANGE—FARM SECTOR ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research held a hearing to review the potential economic impacts of climate change on the farm sector. Testimony was heard from Joseph Glauber, Chief Economist, USDA; and public witnesses.

GUAM WAR CLAIMS PROCESS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on assessing the Guam war claims process. Testimony was heard from Anthony M. Babauta, Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; the following Senators of the Guam Legislature: Vicente Pangelinan; and Frank Blas, Jr; Mauricio Tamargo, former Chairman, Guam War Claims Review Commission; and a public witness.

WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and the Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a joint hearing on The New Walter Reed: Are We on the Right Track? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Al Middleton, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Dorothy Robyn, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; VADM John M. Mateczun, USN, Commander, Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical; and Ken Kizer, Chairman, Health Board National Capital Region Base Realignment and Closure Health Systems Advisory Subcommittee.

DELPHI BANKRUPTCY—WORKERS/ RETIREES IMPACTS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions held a hearing on Examining the Delphi Bankruptcy's Impact on Workers and Retirees. Testimony was heard from Senator Brown; Representatives Lee of New York, Ryan of Ohio and Turner; and public witnesses.

OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKETS ACT—ENERGY MARKETS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Impacts of H.R. 3795, Over-the-Counter Derivatives Markets Act of 2009, on Energy Markets. Testimony was heard from Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy; Gary Gensler, Chairman CFTC; former Representative Glenn English of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

BREAST CANCER SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Breast Cancer Screening Recommendations." Testimony was heard from David Lakey, Commissioner, Department of State Health Services, State of Texas; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3996, Financial Stability Improvement Act of 2009; and H.R. 2609, Federal Insurance Office Act of 2009.

FY09 FHA ACTUARIAL REPORT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "FY09 FHA Actuarial Report." Testimony was heard from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

U.S. STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan. Testimony was heard from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Robert M. Gates, Secretary; and ADM Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

YOUTH PRISON REDUCTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1064, Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act.

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 725, Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Pastor; Larry Parkinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MINORITY-OWNED RADIO RATINGS DECLINE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Will Arbitron's Personal People Meter Silence Minority Owned Radio Stations?" Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

2010 CENSUS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled "The 2010 Census: How Complete Count Committees, Local Governments, Philanthropic Organizations, Not-for-Profits, and the Business Community Can Contribute to a Successful Census." Testimony was heard from Yvette Cumberbatch, Coordinator, 2010 Census, New York City; Mercedes Lemp Jacobs, Director, Office of Latino Affairs, District of Columbia; and public witnesses.

PERMANENT ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR FAMILIES, FARMERS, AND SMALL BUSINESSES ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4154, the Permanent Estate Tax Relief for Families, Farmers, and Small Businesses Act of 2009. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill

shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Finally, the rule provides that in the engrossment of H.R. 4154, the Clerk shall add the text of H.R. 2920, as passed by the House, as new matter at the end of H.R. 4154. Testimony was heard from Representatives Pomeroy, Berkley, Welch and Brady of Texas.

HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT SAFETY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Ensuring the Safety of Human Space Flight. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NASA: Jeff Hanley, Program Manager, Constellation Program, Exploration Systems Mission Directorate; John Marshall, Council Member, Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel; and Bryan O'Connor, Chief of Safety and Mission Assurance; and public witnesses.

COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Commercial Space Transportation. Testimony was heard from George C. Nield Associate Administrator, Office of Commercial Space Transportation, FAA, Department of Transportation; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS—GSA BORDER STATION

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Stimulus Tracking #4: Ensuring Money Means Security when Building GSA Border Stations to Protect the U.S.A. Testimony was heard from Representatives Filner, Michaud, Ortiz, and Teague; Bill Guerin, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Executive, Recovery Program Management Office, Public Buildings Service, GSA; Treat Frazier, Director, Land Port of Entry Modernization Program Management Office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

VA HEALTH CARE FUNDING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on VA Health Care Funding: Appropriations to Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Rita A. Reed, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Management; and Michael S. Finegan, Director, Veterans Integrated Service Network 11; and a public witness.

**STATE OF CLIMATE SCIENCE—
ADMINISTRATION'S VIEW**

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "The Administration's View on the State of Climate Science." Testimony was heard from John Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; and Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

Joint Meetings**FINANCIAL REFORM**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine unregulated markets, focusing on regulatory reform in the financial sector, after receiving testimony from Brooksley Born, former Chairperson, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Robert E. Litan and Robert K. Steel, both of the Pew Task Force on Financial Reform, and James H. Carr, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1329)

H.R. 955, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10355 Northeast Valley Road in Rollingbay, Washington, as the "John 'Bud' Hawk Post Office". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-99)

H.R. 1516, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37926 Church Street in Dade City, Florida, as the "Sergeant Marcus Mathes Post Office". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-100)

H.R. 1713, to name the South Central Agricultural Research Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture in Lane, Oklahoma, and the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 310 North Perry Street in Bennington, Oklahoma, in honor of former Congressman Wesley "Wes" Watkins. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-101)

H.R. 2004, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4282 Beach Street in Akron, Michigan, as the "Akron Veterans Memorial Post Office". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-102)

H.R. 2215, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the "John J. Shiven Post Office Building". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-103)

H.R. 2760, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1615 North Wilcox

Avenue in Los Angeles, California, as the "Johnny Grant Hollywood Post Office Building". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-104)

H.R. 2972, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 West Edward Street in Erath, Louisiana, as the "Conrad DeRouen, Jr. Post Office". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-105)

H.R. 3119, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco, California, as the "Lim Poon Lee Post Office". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-106)

H.R. 3386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1165 2nd Avenue in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Memorial Post Office". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-107)

H.R. 3547, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 936 South 250 East in Provo, Utah, as the "Rex E. Lee Post Office Building". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-108)

S. 748, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2777 Logan Avenue in San Diego, California, as the "Cesar E. Chavez Post Office". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-109)

S. 1211, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 School Street, Orchard Park, New York, as the "Jack F. Kemp Post Office Building". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-110)

S. 1314, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 630 Northeast Killingsworth Avenue in Portland, Oregon, as the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Post Office". Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-111)

S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees. Signed on November 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-112)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 3, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine H.R. 3276, to promote the production

of molybdenum-99 in the United States for medical isotope production, and to condition and phase out the export of highly enriched uranium for the production of medical isotopes, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 760, to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "National World War I Memorial", S. 1838, to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War, S. 2097, to authorize the rededication of the District of Columbia War Memorial as a National and District of Columbia World War I Memorial to honor the sacrifices made by American veterans of World War I, S. 2722, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of adding the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the State of Wyoming, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2726, to modify the boundary of the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, S. 2738, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice for all during the American Revolution, H.R. 1849, to designate the Liberty Memorial at the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, as the National World War I Memorial, to establish the World War I centennial commission to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of World War I, and H.R. 3689, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife, to hold hearings to examine S. 373, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species *Python* genera as an injurious animal, S. 1519, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States, S. 1421, to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp, S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine, H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands, S. 1214, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, H.R. 3537, to amend and reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994, H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under

that Act, and H.R. 509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004, 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Afghanistan, focusing on assessing the road ahead, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Caryn A. Wagner, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine expanding dental health care in Indian Country; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Contract Health Services, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 448, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 1353, to amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1986 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, S. 678, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, and the nominations of Thomas I. Vanaskie, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Louis B. Butler, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, Denny Chin, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Rosanna Malouf Peterson, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, and William M. Conley, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin, and Susan B. Carbon, of New Hampshire, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, John H. Laub, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, Sharon Jeanette Lubinski, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, Sanford C. Coats, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Stephen James Smith, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

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